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EVEN THE POPULAR Manila radio celebrity known as "Mojo Jojo" says high fuel prices have affected his lifestyle.

"My life is now being limited to a 5-kilometer radius if I drive," Joseph

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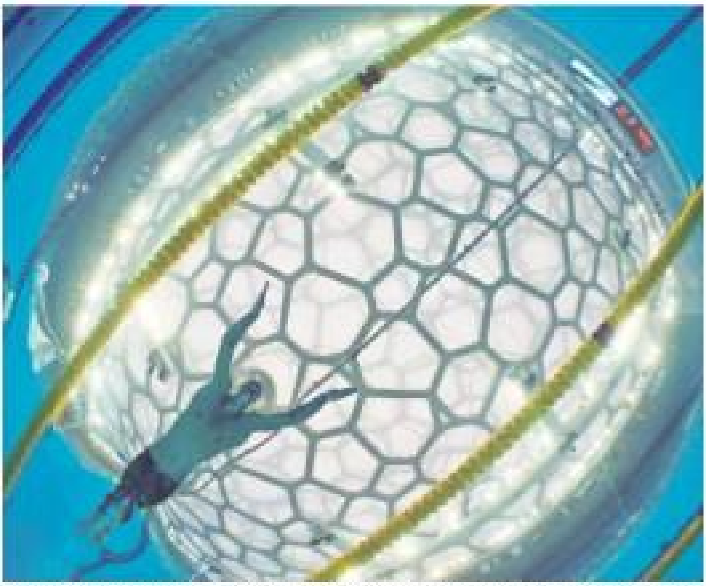
Sulu provincial gov't backs sultan's heirs

JOLO, SULU—THE SULU PROVINCIAL government has extended its support to the heirs of Sultan Jamalul Kiram II in their quest for a fair and just rental from Malaysia for its exploitation of resource-rich Sabah.

In a resolution, the provincial board is urging the Malaysian government "to settle

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PAF planes bomb MILF lair



AN UNDERWATER CAMERA captures American swimming wonder Michael Phelps as he powers his way to his first gold medal at the Beijing Games, with the roof of the Water Cube stadium providing a dramatic background. (More stories on the Olympics in the Sports section.) AP

One gold down, 7 to go for Michael Phelps





"PRETTY COOL," swimmer Michael Phelps says on seeing US President George W. Bush (left) after he won his first gold in the Beijing Games. Phelps (right photo) exults in victory.

BEIJING—THE GREATEST SWIMMER in the world on Sunday demolished his own world record and all hopes of his challengers to claim the first of a possible historic eight swimming gold medals at the Beijing Games.

Listening to hip-hop on headphones as he walked to the block, American marvel Michael Phelps blew away the field as he launched his quest for immortality with a blistering time of 4 minutes, 3.84 seconds to win the 400-meter individual medley.

With US President George W. Bush looking on, Phelps outdueled Hungarian Laszlo Cseh and fellow American Ryan Lochte—slicing 1.41 seconds off the previous world mark of 4:05.25 he set at the

ONE GOLD A4

'Eyeball-to-eyeball' fighting in Cotabato

By Inquirer Mindanao, Nikko Dizon and Tarra Quismundo in Manila



VILLAGERS run for their lives as clashes erupt in North Cotabato.

PIKIT, NORTH COTABATO—Philippine Air Force planes yesterday bombed suspected Moro rebel positions and ground troops pounded them with cannons and mortars after hundreds of guerrillas defied a government ultimatum to withdraw.

Eyewitness accounts put government casualties at three dead, while officials said one Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) rebel was killed in the clashes that erupted mainly in North Cotabato province.

Armed Forces Vice Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Cardozo Luna said fighting was taking place "eyeball-to-eyeball" in some areas and that the military and police were "prepared for a long drawn-out action," Agence France-Presse reported.

Some 300 guerrillas were involved in the fighting with

PAF PLANES A10

High-tech polls: No more 'Hello Garci'

By Edwin O. Fernandez in Cotabato City and Kristine L. Alave in Manila

COTABATO CITY—FOR 43-year-old Anne Mamalimping, cheating during elections is a culture that may take centuries to eradicate.

SPECIAL REPORT

But Mamalimping believes today's balloting can be the "first election with, at least, limited fraud" in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), known as the country's "cheating capital during elections."

But Indang Ali of Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao, believes that the automated vote will "somehow reduce electoral fraud that has tainted the region for years."

"Remember the 'Hello Garci' controversy? It was born in Lanao del Sur," she says of allegations President Macapagal-Arroyo called then Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano to rig the 2004 elections, a charge she vehemently denies.

"I remember national candidates describing ARMM as the provider of swing votes," referring to dagdag-bawas—ballot-padding and -shaving operations.

"I believe the technology will reduce some of these irregularities and there is ray of hope ahead of us," she says.

"Cheating and fraud, in whatever form, are hard to eradicate," Mamalimping says.

"Philippine politics is like that, cheating starts from campaign period up to counting and canvassing, even during proclamation when the battles shifted from the ballots to the courts," he says.

In the ARMM elections in the

HIGH-TECH A17

Mothers go for gold in breastfeeding

By Leila B. Salaverria

BEIJING (VIA PLDT)—WHILE athletes compete for the gold at the 29th Olympic Games in Beijing, mothers have launched the Synchronized Breastfeeding Worldwide Year 2, dubbed the 2008 Breastfeeding Olympics.

The event, which will be held simultaneously in various countries, does not require extraordinary physical prowess or mental cunning.

Breastfeeding is the "gold standard" in rearing healthy and intelligent children, ac-

MOTHERS A8

Favila defends Defensor's China deals

TRADE SECRETARY Peter Favila has come to the defense of Michael Defensor, whose companies had signed a deal with two state-owned Chinese firms to explore the possibility of putting up a $150-million nickel processing plant in Zambales.

Favila decried the criticism being hurled at Defensor, who had served as environment secretary and President Macapagal-Arroyo's former chief of staff.

He said Defensor was no longer with the government and could enter into business deals. "Cannot a person as a private citizen even get to conduct his own business?" Favila said the other day.

Nihao Mineral Resources International Inc. and Geograce Philippines Inc., chaired by Defensor, and China's Jiangxi Rare Earth and Rare Metals Tungsten Group Co. signed in Chengdu in Sichuan province a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for the mining project. Ms Arroyo witnessed the signing.

Some senators have questioned the deal and Ms Arroyo's presence at the signing.

The senators said it could go the way of other

FAVILA A6



PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo and her husband offer a sign of peace to the priest during Sunday Mass in Beijing.

Moro homeland pact becomes a ticking bomb

By Amando Doronila

WHEN THE SUPREME COURT STOPPED the signing on Aug. 5 of the draft agreement seeking to establish an expanded Bangsamoro homeland, Mohagher Iqbal, chief negotiator of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, said

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that the last-minute cancellation made it clear to the international community that "the Philippine government does not possess the capability of entering into a peace settlement."

The abortion of the event became a diplomatic embarrassment as Ambassador Kristie Kenney of the United States, Andrew

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Pact would ensure Asean oil security

Region's producers to offer 'friendship prices'

ENERGY MINISTERS OF THE Association of Southeast Asian Nations member states have approved a draft of the Asean Petroleum Security Agreement (Apsa), which would assure the region of an oil supply in the event of a shortage.

Palace scrambles to heal Esperon–Piñol rift

Timor Leste, Swiss leaders arrive for visit



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'This is best time for me'

Korean rival

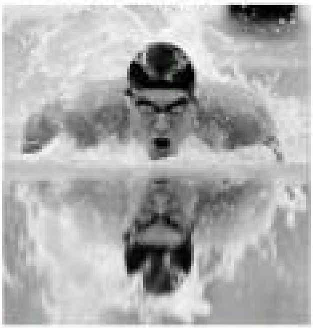
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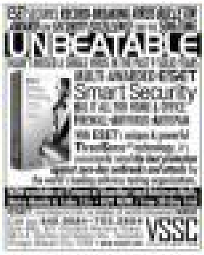
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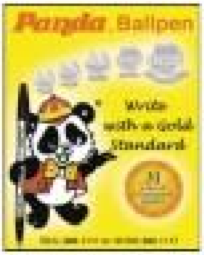
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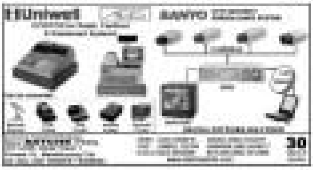

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Automakers firm on import ban

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—An official of Ford Group Philippines said the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) and a group of automotive manufacturers were firm in their stand that Executive Order No. 156, which bans the importation of used vehicles, applied to the entire country.

"With regard to Port Irene, our position is that we believe EO 156 clearly states the importation of used cars is not permitted in the Philippines and we believe the executive order applies to the whole country," Richard Carl Bukal, Ford Group Philippines president, told reporters here Wednesday.

He said AmCham and the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc. (Campi) shared that position.

Entry point

According to reports, Port Irene, located in the Cagayan Economic Zone (CEZ) in Sta. Ana, Cagayan, has replaced the Subic Bay Freeport as the entry point of used cars in the country.

An internal draft report of AmCham described the used-car import business at the CEZ as "illegal and contrary" to EO 156.

A final ruling by the Supreme Court, issued on Oct. 19, 2007, denied the motion of the Motor Vehicles Importers Association of the Subic Bay Freeport (MVIASBF) to sell used cars outside the free port.

Not just Subic

The Feb. 28, 2008 decision on EO 156, penned by Associate Justice Consuelo Ynares-Santiago, ruled that "motor vehicles that come into Philippine territory via the secured fenced-in former Subic Naval Base area may be stored, used or traded therein or exported out of the Philippine territory, but they cannot be imported into the Philippine territory outside of the secured fenced-in former Subic Naval Base area."

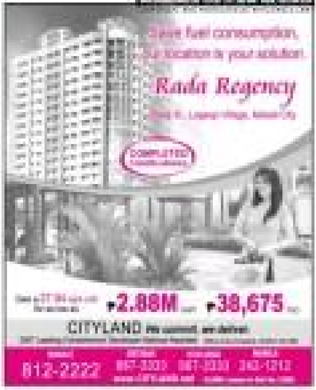
Supreme Court spokesperson Jose Midas Marquez last week said the ban covered all Philippine territory outside the Subic Bay Freeport.

Malacañang, through Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita, said, however, the ban applied only to the Subic Bay Freeport.

Bukal said AmCham and Campi were urging the government to "ensure that they can create an environment where the laws [illegible] what is done."

AmCham's report said the CEZ imported 8,000 vehicles in 24 months. *[illegible], Inquirer Central Luzon*







Commuters give up cars, jostle for ride



COMMUTERS are packed like sardines inside a coach of the Light Rail Transit.



Rush hour 'sardines'

Daily squeeze

Near critical level

Mothers go for gold in breastfeeding



RP, Australia talk antiterror

By Leila B. Salaverria

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GMA asks Rudd to back Miriam

[illegible]

Leila B. Salaverria

Trust, dialogue keys to Mindanao peace, says officer

Bird festival to focus on habitat protection

THE 2008 Philippine Bird Festival [illegible] will be held on Sept. 12-14 in Puerto Princesa City, Palawan. [illegible]

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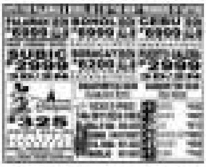
Working moms to rescue

A GROUP OF WORKING mothers has launched [illegible]

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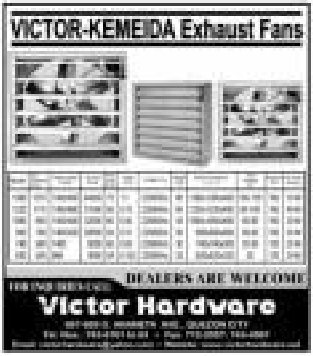








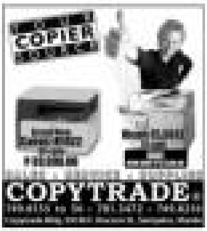


















Philippine Daily Inquirer salutes Pharex HealthCorp as its marks its 20th year on its continuing co

Pharex: 20 years of providing high quality, afforda

Quality healthcare is always deemed too expensive for the masses, who can hardly afford food on the table let alone expensive branded medicines. But with the advent of generic medicines, the masses are presented with greater access to safe and reasonably-priced drugs, including essential medicines such as antibiotics, and even maintenance drugs.

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able medicines


Pharex HealthCorp president Tomas Marcelo Agana III.



Over 2,000 Filipinos to enjoy access to quality healthcare



MORE THAN 2,000 NEEDY Filipinos will finally gain the much-needed access to high-quality medicine and professional medical care, thanks to the "Kalusugan Kapuso" project of GMA Kapuso Foundation and Pharex HealthCorp, the pioneering generic medicine brand.

The medical mission is borne out of the need to bridge the gap between the sick underprivileged and quality healthcare, an advocacy that is fervently espoused by Pharex HealthCorp.

"As a player in the health industry, we're in a very good position to do something about the situation so we've made it our duty to lend a helping hand in attending to the medical needs of the less privileged," said Pharex HealthCorp president Tomas Marcelo Agana III.

For the GMA Kapuso Foundation "Kalusugan Karavan", Pharex will be providing medicines for the mission. The mission will be attended by GMAKF Vice President Mel Tiangco and Pharex top executives. This special medical mission will benefit the underserved areas of Dagupan City with over 2,000 people to enjoy access to quality healthcare on August 16, 2008.

Not stopping there, Pharex has also arranged free clinics nationwide in separate endeavors with the country's largest pharmacy chains extending the delivery of quality healthcare to more people.

Pharex's venture into these worthwhile activities coincides with the company's 20th anniversary celebration this year.

"We've reached yet another milestone and we feel it's best to celebrate it by giving back to community, especially those in need of proper health care," Agana said.

With its active participation in medical missions and free clinics complementing its high quality, affordable medicine in the market, Pharex has definitely reinforced its status as a trusted partner in the delivery of quality healthcare to Filipinos, especially the needy.

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The true test in ARMM

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QC gov't giving Novaliches folk a raw deal

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Fed with illusions of a 'strong republic'

Yaranon not the leader of Kabagis organization

Misleading press release on Rex competition

Observers point out lack of voter education on automation

By Kristine L. Alave, Nikko Dizon and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr

OBSERVERS FROM THE ASIAN Network for Free Elections (Anfrel) expect glitches in today's automated vote in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

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Machine breakdown

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Senators concerned over MILF

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High-tech polls: No more ...

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Reduced human intervention

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Enough peacekeepers

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No writing of names

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Other dirty tricks likely

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No way to beat techie

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ARMM automated polls

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PAF planes bomb MILF lair in North Cotabato

Thousands flee

Withdrawal ordered

Ready for war

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Bishop warned over rites' desecration

ESPERANZA, AGUSAN DEL SUR—HIGAONON tribal leaders here have warned Butuan Bishop Juan de Dios Pueblos about receiving a "curse" from their gods for his role in what they called the desecration of their sacred tribal rites.



PUEBLOS

Cordillera groups tagged as Reds' recruitment base

Guimaras recovering from oil spill but nonrelease of funds stalls rehab





4 DENR personnel fired for cutting old narra tree



MINDANAO is NOT for SALE!

"Thus says the LORD, stop lying, whoever divides My land will surely die". (Bible: Joel 3:1-8)



Genuine Peace and Development NOT DIVISION



Grace Galindez-Gupana

7 DECLARATIONS and Affirmations for the Philippines and the Filipino People

Tourist arrivals up despite crises-Durano



EVENTS like the Sinulog Festival in Cebu are some of the tourist attractions in the Philippines.

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Phivolcs on tight watch over Mayon Volcano

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Cop faces murder rap

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Jellyfish kills fisherman

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Air21 wrests 2-1 advantage

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Chinese torn between countrymen, NBA idols

MMDA may reopen U-turn slots if . . .

Agency to monitor traffic on Katipunan Ave.

By DJ Yap

THE METROPOLITAN MANILA Development Authority is open to the possibility of reopening the U-turn slots on Katipunan Avenue, according to an official. The decision, however, will depend on how heavy traffic is this morning on the thoroughfare.

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Jailhouse rock alive and well in Munti

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Elderly shoeshine man killed



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Affair costly risk for Edwards

By Gary D. Robertson





EDWARDS (above) has taken many risks before, but his affair with Hunter (left) may have the costliest consequences.

'Poorly handled' anthrax probe ruined many lives

By William J. Broad and Scott Shane

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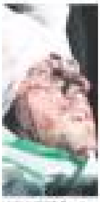
US military blames al-Qaida in Iraq for bombing

Bombings in China's restive Xinjiang region

Relative of American coach stabbed to death in Beijing

The WORLD

Georgia pulls troops out of South Ossetia



WOUNDED South Ossetian soldier. AP

ERGNETI, GEORGIA—Georgia has withdrawn its forces from breakaway South Ossetia, where they had been fighting Russian troops for control, the Georgian interior ministry said on Sunday.

The pullout followed three days of fighting in a Georgian push to take control of the pro-Moscow enclave from separatists, which prompted Russia to pour troops into South Ossetia and launch air strikes inside Georgia.

A Georgian military convoy carrying troops and towing heavy artillery was seen withdrawing from South Ossetia through the village of Ergneti, just inside Georgian-controlled territory south of the separatist capital Tskhinvali.

"They have been withdrawn, completely," Georgian interior ministry spokesman Shota Utiashvili told Reuters.

A Russian spokesperson said: "We saw media reports and are now examining the real situation."

The conflict in the heart of the volatile Caucasus has raised alarm in the West, vying for influence with Russia over crucial oil and gas supply routes in the region.

Russia poured in troops after the Georgian assault on Friday, dramatically upping the stakes in a long-running standoff with the ex-Soviet republic over its pro-Western policies and its drive for Nato membership.

Russia launched a military airstrike outside the Georgian capital early on Sunday and Tbilisi said the Russians were also massing troops in Abkhazia on the Black Sea, another rebel region that broke with Tbilisi in the early 1990s after a war.

A Georgian ceasefire offer on Saturday went unheeded by Moscow, which demanded a complete pullback to positions before fighting began.

An EU-US delegation headed for Georgia to try to broker an end to the conflict.

Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili visited Ergneti, on the border with South Ossetia, after Tbilisi said it had withdrawn its forces.

Georgia said that overnight, Russia had landed 4,000 troops by sea to the coast of Black Sea Abkhazia, the larger of Georgia's two breakaway regions.

In New York, a top UN peacekeeping official said there were indications the Abkhaz were preparing to launch a military offensive against Georgian special forces in the upper Kodori gorge in northern Abkhazia.

"At this point we are particularly concerned that the conflict appears to be spreading beyond South Ossetia into Abkhazia," UN assistant secretary general for peacekeeping Edmond Mulet told reporters. *Reuters*

UN Council deadlocked on truce call

UNITED NATIONS—UN SECURITY COUNCIL efforts to end fighting in the breakaway Georgian enclave of South Ossetia were deadlocked Sunday after envoys failed to agree on a call for a truce between Russia and Georgia.

"We have come to the conclusion that it will be very difficult if not impossible to find common ground on a statement," Belgian ambassador Jan Grauls, the council chair this month, told reporters after lengthy closed-door consultations Saturday.

The collapse marked the third time the Security Council has failed to agree on the Belgian-drafted statement that would urge the warring sides to "show restraint and to refrain from any further acts of violence or force."

Late Saturday, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon called for a negotiated resolution of the conflict.

"The secretary general urges all parties to immediately end hostilities and to engage, without delay, in negotiations to achieve a peaceful settlement," said a statement issued by Ban's office.

Russian Ambassador Vitaly Churkin reiterated Moscow's demand that Tbilisi commit itself to renouncing the use of force and withdraw its forces from South Ossetia, calling the current "genocide."

"The Georgians must pull out of South Ossetia and must agree to sign a document of renouncing of force in South Ossetia," he said. *AFP*



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■ Records fall in Olympic swimming /A28



GMA grants bubby's wish to see Kobe, US 5

By Ted S. Melendres



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Ang bows out dead last

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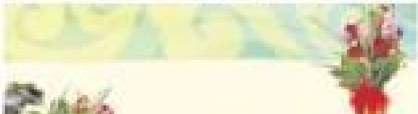
Phelps, Rice shine



Americans go for 4 more pool golds



War-torn shooting rivals share an embrace





Blake wins debut

Weightlifter Diaz, swimmer Walsh get going today

Topnotch field leaves RP shooter in a daze

Archers, Warriors overwhelm rivals



EDWIN Asoro of National U gets bottled up by the defense of University of the East's Hans Thiele.

By Jasmine W. Payo

GMA grant's hubby's wish...

Ang bows out dead last



Bombers, Lions face lowly foes

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San Beda squads rout Passerelle rivals

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Bicol race tyros Marquez, Sayrol rule Milo elims



ROMEO Marquez

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Storms halt PGA; Romero equals course record 65

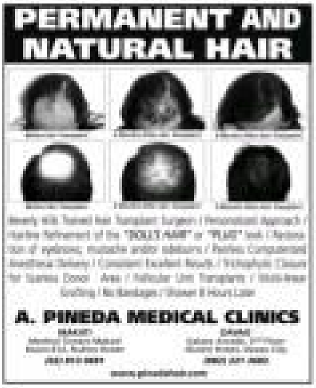

ANDRES Romero



World Juniors: So targets fourth victory, top 5 slot


WESLEY So





Lyceum, PWU lead; RTU booters score

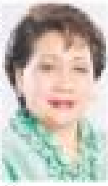
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BSP clears $400-M loan for Naia 3

Authorities say bridge financing will not affect domestic liquidity

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE BANGKO SENTRAL NG Pilipinas has cleared a $400-million bridge financing, which the Manila International Airport Authority (Miaa) will use to compensate Philippine International Air Terminals Corp. (Piatco) for the construction of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3 (Naia 3).



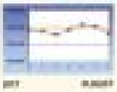
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Cielito F. Habito

Poor, Bigger victims

Metro Manila bias?

Highest among neighbors









Basic group eyes energy venture with Metro Pacific

Ethanol project in the works

By [illegible]

BASIC ENERGY CORP., FORMERLY Basic Petroleum Corp., is tapping Metro Pacific Investments Corp. to be a financial partner in a P5-billion project to produce ethanol and other alternative fuel.

Negotiations to form a joint venture are underway and Basic Energy chair [illegible] said MPIC would likely take a majority stake.

Basic Energy plans to put up two bioethanol plants costing P5 billion each, according to Basic Energy executive vice president [illegible].

MPIC is expected to finish its due diligence on Basic Energy's bioethanol assets by September.

MPIC, the local holding firm of conglomerate First Pacific Co. Ltd., is looking to "invest" in "green energy" given the raging oil crisis and growing concerns about global warming.

MPIC said it had reached an understanding with the Basic Group to study a possible joint investment in ethanol production.

MPIC had signed a memorandum of understanding with Basic Energy Corp. (formerly Basic Petroleum Corp.) and Basic Biofuels Corp. (formerly [illegible] Corp. (Basic Group)), to assess the viability of establishing a joint venture company that would engage in the production of ethanol and other alternative fuel.

This is in line with one of its fundamental directions for 2008, which is to create long-term value for its shareholders by looking at opportunities in the vital sectors of the economy.

MPIC president Jose Ma. Lim said the company and its consultants would conduct an extensive due diligence covering financial, accounting, operational, technical and legal examination of the Basic Group and its assets, contracts and other financial, operational, technical and legal documents and records and the researches, studies, projections, contracts and other documents covering or relating to the [illegible] ethanol projects.

"If the due diligence results are positive, the parties will then pursue a basic framework for collaboration, cooperation and coordination in the establishment of the joint venture, preparatory to further discussions on a more definitive agreement between the parties," Lim said in a disclosure.

"Having some ethanol to [illegible] blend can contribute to bring down the price of fuel and cushion the impact of the varying price of oil as well as boost environmental benefits," added [illegible], MPIC assistant vice president.

Philippine Stock Exchange



Philreaty plans new projects

Rules on power rate discounts readied

Intended mainly for big users





Specific tax on oil should be indexed to inflation, says DOF







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IN THE MATTER OF ACCREDITATION AS CITIZEN'S ARM OF THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO ON AUGUST 11, 2008.

LEGAL NETWORK FOR TRUTHFUL ELECTIONS (LENTE)

Petitioner.

RESOLUTION

[illegible]

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

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NOTICE

The Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), in its meeting held on 31 July 2008, favorably considered the registration statement (SEC Form 12-1) filed by Ayala Land, Inc. (the "Company") on 14 July 2008. In its letter dated 1 August 2008, the SEC informed the Company that upon its compliance with the conditions enumerated in its 1 August 2008 letter, the registration of Four Billion Pesos (Php 4,000,000,000.00) worth of Fixed Rate Bonds shall be declared effective by the SEC and an Order of Registration and a Permit to Sell Securities will be issued to the Company.

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Gov't readies framework for ₱40-B bond issuance

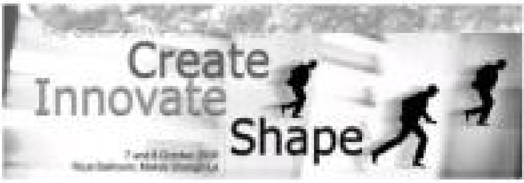
'Sweeteners' added to attract more investors

RCBC profit down 15.5%

Think tank raises RP inflation forecast

Globe expects branding boost from launch of iconic iPhone

Market looks to earnings



InfoTech

Spending less for a theater-like sound experience



WITH its matte-black finish and compact design, Polk Audio's RM705 is sure to complement most living room spaces.

By Charles E. Buban

FOR THOSE WHO WOULD rather stay at home to watch their favorite DVDs and television programs, the idea of setting up a home theater system seems an enticing proposition.

While there are a myriad of speaker packages to choose from, the POLKWORLD Audio RM705 presents itself as an affordable yet very capable 5.1 channel speaker system.

"This particular model is the latest in Polk's RM series, which are sleek and minimalist speakers that garnered dozens of industry awards for performance, innovation and sales success," said Polk Home Audio (Philippines) manager Sergio Redforni. "The RM series has become a favorite among interior designers who appreciate compactness and sleek design."

6-piece

The RM705 is a six-piece speaker system composed of four 2.5-inch satellite speakers (available separately as RM7), a center speaker (RM7C) and an 8-inch subwoofer.

Redforni said that RM705's powered subwoofer offers a much improved bass performance than previous Polk subwoofers in this class.

"Polk engineers used a state-of-the-art Klippel analyzer in the design process to maximize the 8-inch subwoofer driver's output and minimize its distortion," he explained. "A 100-watt on-board power amplifier enables the RM705 subwoofer to fill up a medium-sized room with very deep, room shaking tones."

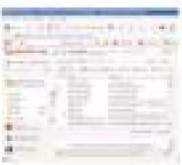
Natural sound

The compact satellite speakers on the other hand, are encased in low-resonance injection molded mineral-filled polypropylene casing that keeps sound production as natural as possible.

"The satellite speakers' triangular shape contributes to its superior imaging and midrange performance," Redforni said. "At the same time, such design also allows them to be swiveled up to 180 degrees horizontally when used with the supplied wall-mount bracket."

The center channel speaker comes with a shelf cradle and a wall mount bracket—both of which permit up-down aiming.

"This 5.1 home theater speaker system will complement a lot of today's stylish high-tech flat panel TVs," he said. "At its price range, one may even be able to spend less in realizing his or her dream of enjoying true theater-quality sound system."



Yaboo! Mail turns 'social'

By Riza T. Olchondra

YAHOO! E-MAIL IS BEING TWEAKED to become a social networking site.

According to John Kremer, VP for Yahoo! Mail, the company is developing a "smarter inbox" where messages and picture attachments from people who are confirmed connections come out in the welcome tab.

Yahoo! Mail will also allow one-gigabyte file attachments between people who have confirmed their connection to each other.

Indrina Ellis, VP for Yahoo! Messenger, added that the messaging application would also become more visual and interactive, with special features for the Philippine market, such as Filipino expressions made into sound clips.

According to Scott Shrives, executive vice president for global communication products, the reason why Yahoo! wants to make its existing services become more "social" is to draw more users and, hence, online advertising.

Officials said social networking is a natural evolution for Yahoo! Mail since there is a potential for 10 billion connections between people using Yahoo services.

Social networking is also popular in emerging markets such as the Philippines, where 83 percent of Filipino Internet users visit social networking sites like Friendster and MySpace.

Naida improves hearing abilities

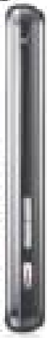
2nd Annual PAD Awareness Day focuses on detection, prevention



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Dandruff can kill ... men's relationships

Another iPhone challenger has arrived







Google rolls out online 'gadget' for Olympics



Globe opens doors to program developers

Philips enhances TV viewing experience

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

THE PROBLEM WITH WATCHING HIGH-speed sports or action-packed movies on today's crop of liquid crystal display (LCD) televisions is that the images cannot keep up with the fast pace of the action.

This results in a judder or "jump" in the images, which just won't do when watching the Olympic games, for instance.

Philips Electronics claims it has licked this annoying problem with its new 5000, 7000 and 9000 series of high performance LCD televisions.

No more 'jumps'

Philips says there are three components to its breakthrough technology.

Conventional engines display only 25 motion changes in 50 frames per second. But with Philips' HDNM, motion changes are displayed in all 50 frames.

'Fastest' LCD TV



PHILIPS' top-of-the-line TV series goes for close to P199,000

Unparalleled experience

Globe opens doors to program . . .

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BusinessMonday

Business Features Editor
Margie Quimpo-Espino

Bear necessities

How to eke out earnings in hard times

By Elizabeth Sanchez-Lacson

THESE DAYS, INVESTORS ARE STARTING to believe that the bearish market has heralded the arrival of the four horsemen of doom, denial, despair and depression.

But it is still far from Armageddon in the second half of 2008, analysts say, even though market sentiment has turned sour due to swelling oil prices, inflation and interest rates.

Inflation in particular has taken center stage, driving the stock market downhill by 30 percent in the first half, according to a market strategy report by [illegible].

Inflation, which started to creep up in February and accelerated to 11.4 percent in June, is likely to slash corporate earnings for the year by around 5 percent, [illegible] has added.

Inflation is also likely to squeeze consumer spending, said Campos Lanuza & Co. in its second half outlook, entitled The Bear Market Necessities.

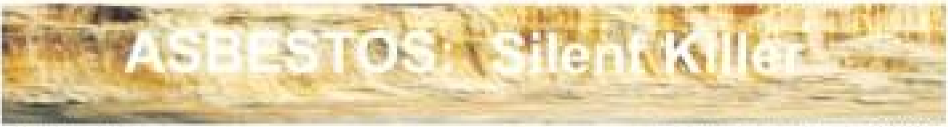
Aside from the impact of rising costs of goods, economic growth will be constrained by turbulence in agricultural production. With construction materials and interest rates rising, Campos Lanuza also thinks lower investment spending and industrial production will be felt in the second half.

The bear hug

So how do investors keep their shirts on in these bear times? Analysts prescribe a simple strategy: Refrain from kicking yourselves, be defensive and continue investing, albeit selectively for the long term.



A TRADER gestures in front of the electronic board of the Philippine Stock Exchange. Investors need not be spooked by a bearish market, according to one broker. There will always be stocks out there with great potential for growth.



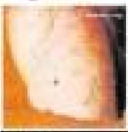
Do you know that :

Asbestos is well recognized as a health hazard and is highly regulated. An estimated 1.3 million employees in the construction and general industry face significant asbestos exposure on the job. Heaviest exposures occur in the construction industry, particularly during the removal of asbestos during renovation or demolition. Employees are also likely to be exposed during the manufacture of asbestos products (such as textiles, friction products, insulation, and other building materials) and during automotive brake and clutch repair work.

At least 90,000 people die each year from asbestos-related lung cancer, mesothelioma and asbestosis resulting from occupational exposures. Burden of asbestos-related diseases still rising even in countries that have banned the use of asbestos in the early 1990s.

Because of the long latency periods – stopping the use of asbestos now will only result in a decrease in the number of asbestos-related deaths after a number of decades.

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What is Asbestos?

Asbestos is the name of a group of highly fibrous minerals with separable, long, and thin fibers. Separated asbestos fibers are strong enough and flexible enough to be spun and woven. Asbestos fibers are heat resistant, making them useful for many industrial purposes. Because of their durability, asbestos fibers that get into lung tissue will remain for long periods of time.

Asbestos exposure becomes a health concern when high concentrations of asbestos fibers are inhaled over a long period of time. Most fibers are expelled, but some can become lodged in the lungs and remain there throughout life. Fibers can accumulate and cause scarring and inflammation that can affect breathing, leading to disease.

How can children and adults be exposed?

Asbestos related diseases do not only affect those who have worked with asbestos, they also affect those who have been exposed to asbestos in the environment. This is because the dangerous dust was not simply confined to the workplace but also contaminated the environment through the actions of asbestos users and their employees.

Asbestos fibers may be released into the air by the disturbance of asbestos-containing material during product use, demolition work, building or home maintenance, repair, and remodeling. In general, exposure may occur only when the asbestos-containing material is disturbed in some way to release particles and fibers into the air.

People living near these industries may also be exposed to high levels of asbestos in air. Even family members of workers exposed to asbestos face an increased risk of developing mesothelioma and other asbestos-related diseases due to contact with asbestos dust brought into the home on the workers' shoes, clothing, skin, or hair. That risk has materialised in a number of cases and people have died as a result of asbestos related diseases caused by 'secondary exposure' of this type.

Asbestos Diseases is very unlikely to result from a single, high-level exposure, or from a short period of exposure to lower levels. Education and awareness as well as understanding the use of materials that have a potential public danger should always be our top priority.

For more information you can contact **NCALABS Phils., Inc.** located at Unit 8 and 9 Mega Center San Antonio St. Paseo de Magallanes Makati City (Tel : 7294127/ 8948385)

NCALABS Phils. Inc., a part of Testmetica environmental laboratory network, was conceptualized to serve the emerging awareness and concern of the country to the environment. As a foundation for critical environmental decisions, NCALABS Phils. Inc. provides data that are legally defensible and of internationally recognized quality.

ETS-Testconsult Ltd. (ETL) is NCALABS' partner and is one of the largest totally independent materials' testing companies in Hong Kong and Asia. ETL has more than 20 years of experience with asbestos surveys, field and laboratory services and asbestos management planning. ETL have completed more than 250 asbestos projects located in Thailand, Hong Kong, Taiwan, mainland China, Korea, and the Philippines. ETL is HOKLAS (ISO 17025) accredited for their asbestos analysis services.

Over the years, NCALABS has extended its capabilities to asbestos surveys, field monitoring of airborne fibers, and bulk fiber identification using polarized light microscopy. NCALABS with ETL-Testconsult have done asbestos projects here in the Philippines. With this experience, NCALABS and ETL-Testconsult understand client's quality, health, safety and environmental requirements associated with asbestos investigations and management plans.



Graduating to a fourth development model

MAPping the Future

Roberto Amaldo



Early models

Corporate foundations

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Key lessons

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DDB Ups Support To Local Office With New Board





Goodbye easy home loan terms?

Metrobank expands ATM coverage

METROPOLITAN Bank & Trust Company, the country's largest bank, continued to increase the number of its automated teller machines (ATM) network with installations in newly opened branches Fromens Verde and Domestic Airport, and in commercial centers like Greenhills Shopping Center, Victory Central Mall, Liberty Center, Cash & Carry Mall, Waltermart in Makati City and Gaisano City Mall in Cagayan De Oro.

The additional machines bring the number of Metrobank ATMs to 770 nationwide, a far cry from the initial 60 ATMs when the bank first launched its Electronic Teller banking, or Metrobank E.T. service in 1990. Metrobank E.T. earned the unique position as the country's first talking ATM.

From the simple 24-hour cash withdrawal and account inquiry, the Metrobank E.T. has evolved into a flexible channel for more transactions that include bills payment, funds transfer and inter-bank fund transfer, automatic debit facility, international cash withdrawal, check book re-order and even purchase of prepaid mobile phone PINs.

Through the bank's affiliation with Cirrus-Maestro (Mastercard), cardholders of the Metrobank E.T. can access their accounts through over a million Cirrus Maestro ATMs and POS terminals in 210 countries.

The increase in ATM coverage has led to a corresponding increase in usage. As of June of this year, Metrobank has already registered 55.62 million ATM transactions, 29.62% of which are from the use of Metrobank's ATM facility by local and international non-Metrobank cardholders. The bank also boasts of its current record of above average 99 % service availability, among the highest within the Bancnet consortium.

Metrobank E.T. is one of the most popular electronic banking service of the bank which also include Metrophone, Mobile Banking, and metrobankdirect internet banking facility.

Metrobank is the Philippines' largest bank, with consolidated assets of P725.50 billion for the period ending June 30, 2008 based on the recently published Statement of Condition.

BUSINESS Monday

Goodbye easy home loan terms?

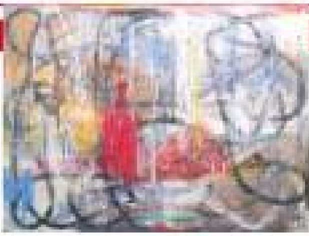
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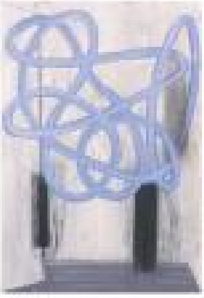
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EXCITING ART SCENE

Drilon's unwindings and entanglements





"MOVING on" 5 and, at right, "Moving on" 7

By Lisa Ito
Contributor

GALERIA DUEMILA'S exhibits of recent works by abstractionist Rock Drilon reaffirms a recurring motif in the artist's paintings of the past decade: linear forms filling the entire canvas, denoting both flux and coupling.

The works can be divided into two collections: one featuring Drilon's pieces in pencil on paper, and the other, paintings in acrylic on canvas. Though various media have been used, all of the paintings are composed of recurring motifs from Drilon's recent body of works: forms born out of entanglements and unwinding, denoting structures of rumination and resolution. The main element in these works is lines constantly in flux, wound around an infinite loop.

The show presents several works from Drilon's "Moving on" series, the titles of which hint at autobiographical and aesthetic transitions and breaks from the past that the artist has undergone.

For instance, "Moving On" 5 contains a bundle of blue lines hovering above empty space. Rectangular geometric surfaces denote exits (or, conversely, entrances), portals to greater dimensions.

Larger works such as "Moving On" 7 are more textured in approach and complex in composition, showing loops partially obscured by a haze of other forms.

The smaller works contain less forms and elements than the artist's larger works—reflecting a process of a paring down, perhaps to the essentials and baring of techniques. Here, the minimalist compositions are framed. "Untitled" 5 demonstrates the dynamic and tight linear forms used in Drilon's other works. Shadow and texture imbue works such as "Untitled" 3 with complex layering.

Biographical

On a biographical note, the paintings

DRILON'S C2





"BETTER World," by Joselito Sispono

Masterpiece auction in Singapore includes Filipino works

SEVENTEEN PAINTINGS FROM Filipino artists have been included by Masterpiece Auction House in its auction on Aug. 16-17. To be held at the Ballroom of the Sheraton Towers at 39 Scotts Road, Singapore, the auction is the second for Masterpiece in Singapore.

There will be a total of 413 lots available for auction. The focus will be on quality contemporary and modern art

MASTERPIECE C2

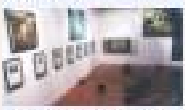
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of communion and healing

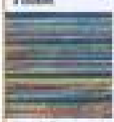


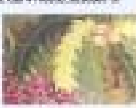


Personal and spiritual

Visual Arts







Young artist's novel explorations in abstraction







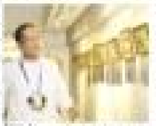
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Edicio de la Torre's meditations





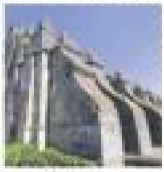
More glossary terms of Philippine heritage styles



PRIDE OF PLACE



Augusto F. Villalon







Marikina public schools now have safe water

By Joel V. Higan

"An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure."

This may be a common adage but this also may very well be in the mind of Marikina City Mayor Marides Fernando when she prioritized access to clean and safe water and made it as one of her primary programs for her residents.



Marikina City Mayor Marides Fernando says that before local governments should go into other programs, they should provide the basic needs first, like access to safe and clean water.



Pinky Tolosano, founder and president of Qualibet, insists that water safety in schools as well as in public areas is important because water is used in every activity there.

LIFESTYLE Arts&Books

Writers worldwide hold own Olympics 'relay' for freedom

THE INTERNATIONAL PEN (Poets and Playwrights, Essayists and Novelists), the official federation of writers across the globe, has organized a "Poem Relay" in connection with the Beijing Olympics.

The relay is part of the "poetic protest" sent by the PEN to Chinese authorities urging the release of all writers in detention, including journalist Shi Tao.

The relay seeks to produce translations of Shi's poem, "June." As of Aug. 7, with the Afrikaans and Yakuts translations, the relay has produced 127 translations of "June."

Shi is serving 10 years in prison for "revealing state secrets abroad." He was convicted for e-mailing his notes abroad about an editorial meeting at the Dangdai Shangbao newspaper in 2004 in which a directive by the China Propaganda Department was read aloud; it instructed the media how to cover the 15th anniversary of the military crackdown on the Tiananmen demonstrations in 1989.

He sent the notes through a Yahoo e-mail account and was convicted when Yahoo! Hongkong provided of his identity to the Chinese authorities.

"Shi Tao's detention was the ultimate technology used to monitor, survey, track down individuals who are seen to violate Chinese laws by exercising their freedom of expression on the Internet," says PEN.

In a letter to Chinese President Hu Jintao, PEN says the translations of Shi Tao's poem "represent the solidarity of writers and poets around the world. June with Shi Tao and all of the writers in prison in China. Each act of translation is a call for freedom of expression in China."

PEN says it believes there are 44 writers and journalists in prison in China, including Shi Tao.

In the Philippines, the PEN relay is supported by the Philippine Center of the International PEN headed by Elmer Ordoñez as chair and National Artist F. Sionil Jose as secretary.

June
by Shi Tao

My whole life
Will never get past June
June, when my heart died
When my poetry died
When my lover
Died in romance's pool of blood

June, the scorching sun burns open my skin
Revealing the true nature of my wound
June, the fish swims out of the blood-red sea
Toward another place to hibernate
June, the earth shifts, the rivers fall silent
Piled up letters unable to be delivered to the dead

(Translated into English by Chip Rolley)

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DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO UPCPSF?

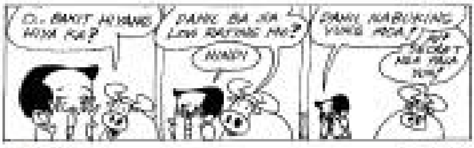
By Paige D. Barrozo

UPCPSF what?

GARFIELD — By Jim Davis



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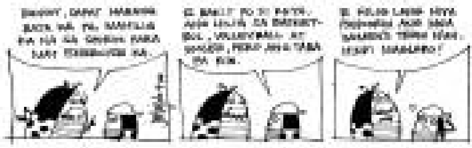
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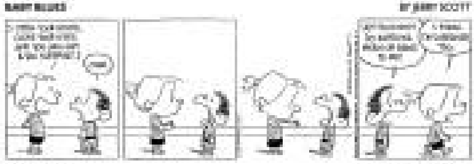
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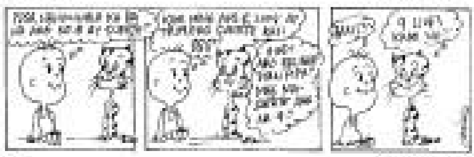
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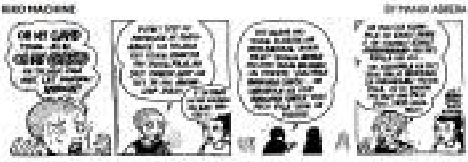
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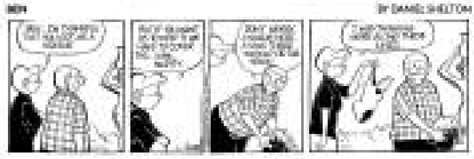
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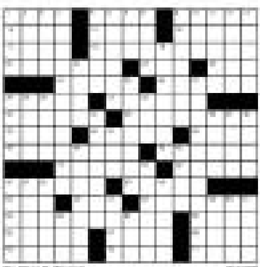
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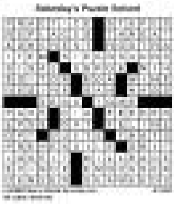
BEN — By Daniel Shelton



DAILY CROSSWORD



Saturday's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ●

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

Answer to previous puzzle

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First-class concert hall in Angeles City

Top pianists to play Bach



Cellist Lucas and pianist Villanueva in Alabang

From 'kaingero' to forester

REVIEW

Corned beef, a good source of Zinc and Iron?

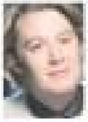
The importance of Zinc and Iron

How to get enough Zinc and Iron?





ENTERTAINMENT



'Idol' Clay Aiken is a dad

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA—CLAY AIKEN, 29, runner-up on "American Idol" 2003, announced the birth of his son, Parker Foster Aiken, on his website's blog Friday. "No big photo," he wrote. "One first name, one middle name. One last name." The mother is Jaymes Foster, record producer, whom he met while performing on "Idol." AP

CHEER FACTOR

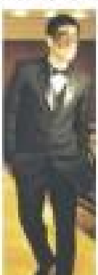


WHO'S MISSING IN THIS SERIES? For her 25th anniversary concert at the Big Dome, Sharon Cuneta shares the stage with past and present leading men (from the top), Francis Pangilinan, Richard Gomez and Robin Padilla. (Page F-)



CRYSTAL Moreno, left, with Vicki Belo, center, and Rosa Prieto-Valdes

Dita von Teese was at the ball

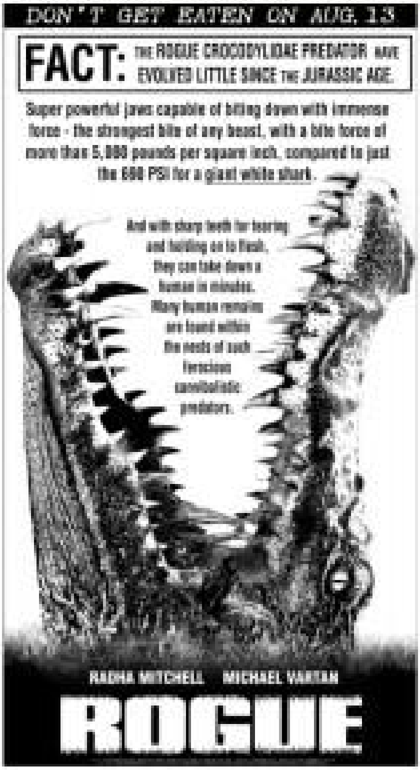


By Marinel R. Cruz
Photos by Romy Hornilla

VICKI BELO, WHO hosted a lavish Venetian ball as special party on Friday night, reportedly spent millions to have American burlesque queen Dita von Teese perform before a crowd of over 600 at the Rizal Ballroom of the Shangri-La Hotel.

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Tribute to Dolphy a decidedly mixed bag

Viewfinder



Nestor U. Torre

LAST AUG. 3, ABS-CBN WHIPPED up a big musical tribute to king comic Dolphy, on the important occasion of his 80th birthday. The special tribute was entirely deserved. Most entertainers at 80 are either retired or having a fun time entertaining the saints and angels in that great, big theater in the sky. Happily at 80, Dolphy is still putting a smile on his fans' faces, has come out with an "as told to" biography and even has a new movie all set for screening.

How and why does he do it? Some acerbic show biz observers whisper that Dolphy keeps working because he has so many children (and grandchildren) to support. We chose to believe, however, that it's because he still likes making people laugh.

In any case, last Aug. 3, it was other entertainers' turn to sing, dance and act, while Dolphy leaned back and enjoyed their efforts.

The guest stars and readers worked hard to rise to the special occasion. Unfortunately, the evening's entertainment turned out to be a decidedly mixed bag.

It was a good idea to get the "Goin' Bulilit" kids to play the characters in Dolphy's past sitcoms—but, their performances were sometimes shrill and messy, proving that childish enthusiasm isn't everything. The number was also overlong, as it ended up overstaying its welcome.

The number paying tribute to Dolphy's [illegible] was similarly underwhelming. So, we looked forward to the musical focus on the veteran comedian's signature gay roles. They couldn't ruin such a great opportunity to wax entertainingly nostalgic, could they?

Female gay impersonator

Alas, they could—and did. The big mistake was to get Ai-Ai de las Alas to cap-kill the number as a sort of female gay impersonator. This threw a heavy wrench into the format of macho comics like Dolphy playing flerid gays.

Yes, there were some gay comedians on hand, but they did little to enliven the number, and their "choreography" was even messier than the "Goin' Bulilit" kids' "dance" steps.

The show finally perked up and came into its own with the number extolling Dolphy's dancing ability. At last, really good hoofers like Vhong Navarro and Rayver Cruz did full justice to the concept's possibilities. And Dolphy himself capped the dance feature by way of a film clip showing him hoofing up a storm in one of his movies.

> The master comic may have seen better days, but nobody can count him out just yet

Dolphy's duet with Vic Sotto started off badly with a "mini rendezvous" interlude that simply didn't work. Later, however, they hit their stride with their offhand and bemused rendition of "To All the Girls I've Loved Before"—an inspiredly appropriate concept, because both comedians are known to be (or have been) ladies' men.

Also, the next number, focusing on Dolphy's family life, fared much worse, because it concentrated on the singing, and not enough on the family photos, which viewers wanted to connect with more.

Visiting "Hi-Fi" boy singer Charlie Green sang his guest number well, but it really didn't fit in the show's Dolphy-focused format, especially because it came towards the end of the program, when the attention should have been exclusively on the honoree. Happily, Sharon Cuneta's special number maximized relevant fared better in this regard.

The show's finale started off badly with Willie Revillame "singing" a medley of songs about clowns, etc. But Dolphy saved the evening when he stood up onstage and let loose with a few perky dance steps...enough to remind viewers of his unique stellar verve of old.

That brief display of skill and show biz savvy delighted Dolphy's longtime admirers, because it proved the master comic may have seen better days, but nobody can count him out just yet!

'Performers Unite'

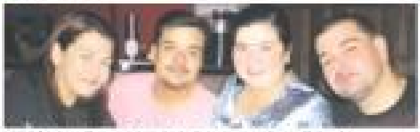
At 6 p.m. on Aug. 14 at the Teatrino in Greenhills, the Performers' Rights Society of the Philippines will have a media event and get-together, "Performers Unite! Sign Up for Your Rights!"

Performers, legislators and leaders of the Film Academy, OPM, Aawitan ng Musikang Pilipino and Philistage have banded together for collective expression and for collected property advocacies. Visit [illegible]

At Gallery Genesis

Ongoing at Gallery Genesis at SM Megamall is a group exhibition featuring the works of FB dela Cruz, Ramon Delina, Rod Paras-Perez, Marlina and Villanueva.

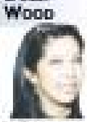




LOTLOT de Leon, Onemig Bondoc, Nadia Montenegro and Ramon Christopher

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AMERICAN burlesque artist Dita von Teese in a file photo

Dita von Teese . . .

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in Makati City, Inquirer Entertainment learned.

The party marked the 10th anniversary of the Belo Medical Group. It was also the launching of the Bo and Nena Foundation, which seeks to provide scholarships to needy children and free surgeries to burn victims and patients with cleft lips and palates. Bo and Nena are the names of Belo's parents.

Seven-figure TF

A source close to Belo refused to confirm the amount but hinted that Von Teese's performance "could be worth seven figures." The 35-year-old artist has helped revive burlesque and bring it to mainstream attention. She was once married to heavy metal singer Marilyn Manson.



LANI Misalucha

Picture-taking was not allowed during Von Teese's two-act show. But Inquirer Entertainment took snapshots of other guest performers like Lani Misalucha, who flew in after a series of shows in Las Vegas, Regine Velasquez, Sarah Geronimo, Billy Crawford, Mitch Valdez, Dingdong Dantes and Marian Rivera.

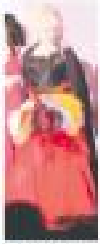
Belo awarded P20,000 to four guests who wore the best Venetian outfits. The winners included actress Yasmien Kurdi and GMA 7 senior vice president for Entertainment Wilma Galvante.

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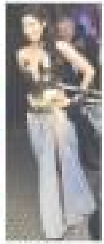


VICKI Belo ... Crown, while son Quark Henares looks on.





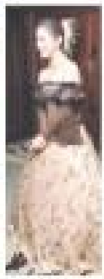
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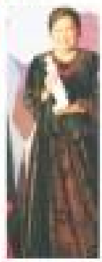
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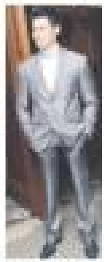
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PIOLO Pascual escorts his TV leading lady Angel Locsin.

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Extraordinary stories

DINO LOPEZ, VIC MAGDARAOG, JOHNNY SANTOS AND REX Dolfan [illegible] discuss the Management Association of the Philippines' latest project, the book "Extraordinary Stories for Aspiring Leaders" in "Talk Back with Tina Palma" on ANC [illegible] tonight at 8.

Three men and a Mega

Sharon celebrates three decades in the biz with former leading men, except you-know-who

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photos by [illegible]

NOW, THE QUESTION: Would all three guys turn up again, should they decide to mount a repeat?

Sharon Cuneta, more famously known as Mega, may be the only woman who can gather leading men Richard Gomez, Aga Muhlach and Robin Padilla under one roof—make that the Big Dome of Araneta Coliseum where "Mega[illegible]" was held Friday night.

ABS-CBN will air the concert on Sept. 28, a week after the documentary, "Sharon: Mega [illegible]," on Sept. 21.)

Lest we forget, another former screen partner, Rowell Santiago, directed the concert.

One need not be a Sharonian to know that Mega's love stories with the three (Rowell, Richard and Robin) weren't just for reel ... but were for real.

Now, that's star power.

In a medley of their most requested songs, Robin and Richard surprised the audience by going up the stage and singing with Mega.

Her husband, Sen. Francis Pangilinan, was apparently cool about it, and even joined in the revelry, notably in the Aga [illegible] segment.

Sen. Kiko need not sweat it. In her spiels, Sharon described her husband as "my peace and my passion ... my forever."

Of course, throughout the three-hour concert, former husband Gabby Concepcion was the elephant in the room, or the 300-pound gorilla that no one dared talk about onstage.

No one, that is, except Mega, who acknowledged that "union" as a crucial part of her career history.

That relationship, she in-

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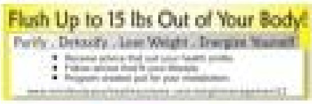
SHARON [illegible] with Aga [illegible] singing [illegible]

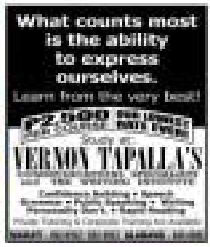


TEEN partner Rowell Santiago, who directed the concert, drops by Sharon's dressing room, right.



FAMILY reunion onstage, said Mega (second from R), with Francis, Simi, Kiko, Miel and KC.









Three men and a Mega



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Three men and a Mega

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GARY Valenciano and Martin Nievera are among Mega's special friends

[illegible] industry people who helped make her three decades a reality.

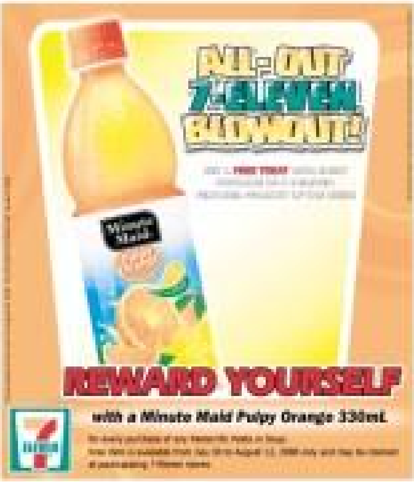
Contemporaries Gary Valenciano and Martin Nievera shared their duets to guest in the show. "Martin just arrived from abroad," Mega noted.

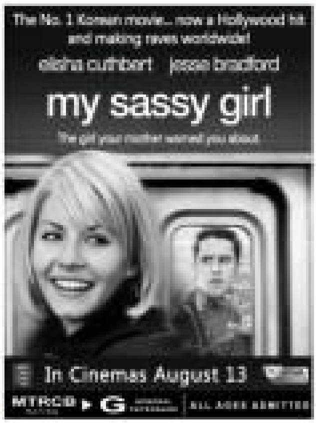
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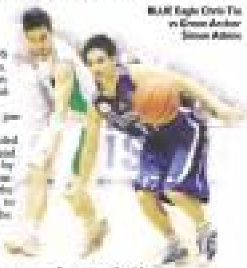


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What I've learned

Rock 'n' roll will never die while he's around



Ramon "RJ" Jacinto

Follow your heart but always balance it with logic and common sense.

Each one has his own destiny, his place in the sun.

Find a need, think out of the box and fill it.

In entertaining a live audience, be sincere and never short-change the audience.

Stick to your formula. If something works, don't change it, just improve on it and make it relevant to the times.

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A lesson plan on getting to know the sports section



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